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Serial No.: 09/923,212  
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Group Art Unit: 1723  
Applicants: Thomas J. Larkner et al.  
Title: **WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING  
DISPENSED VOLUME SENSING AND CONTROL**  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. The instant application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/520,827 filed March 8, 2000. The cited references were

cited by the applicants and/or the Examiner in Serial No. 09/520,827. Since priority is claimed in the instant application to Serial No. 09/520,827, copies of the references are not being supplied herewith under the authority of 37 C.F.R.

§1.98(d).

No representation is made that the cited art is the only art or that the cited art represents the best art.

The Examiner is urged to consider the cited references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, and to make an independent decision with respect to their materiality.

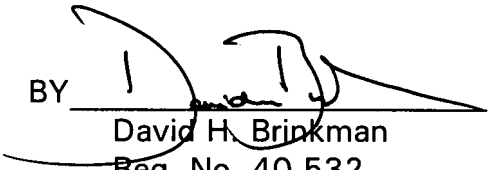
It is submitted that the cited references do not disclose or render obvious the subject matter claimed in the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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